



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

September 27, 2002

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending **27-Sep-02** Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	65.20	54.85	61.26	80.08	67.82
Last week	64.39	52.49	58.48	77.09	65.65

Selected Cities Large - 27-Sep-02 New York 63-67 Chicago 52-56 California 88

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 23-Sep-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	128.6	291.1	165.0	195.9	209.8	990.4	258.3	1248.7
% change PW	-1	4	12	5	6	5	-2	4

Breaking Stock 27-Sep-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	36-38	34-39 M 35-37
Checks & Undergrades	22-27	22-29 M 23-26

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **25-Sep-02**.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,250,922	28,580	12,157	6,458	3,094	4,304
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,291,183	30,177	12,317	6,861	3,040	4,702
LAST YEAR	1,271,236	28,739	12,758	6,725	2,811	4,207
% CHANGE PW	-3	-5	-1	-6	2	-8
% CHANGE LY	-2	-1	-5	-4	10	2
TO-DATE 2002	45,833,519	1,065,555	442,411	237,759	109,483	162,774
TO-DATE 2001	43,763,207	994,198	439,375	235,208	96,107	156,067
% CHANGE YTD	5	7	1	1	14	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.17 Previous Week: 41.87 Last Year: 41.24

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 37.73 Previous Week: 38.22 Last Year: 37.93

National Liquid Eggs - 27-Sep-02 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	12	32-34	32.90	-.10
Whites	22	9.5-15	10.80	-.53
Yolks	10	78-80	78.70	-.03

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 75 to 81.5 cents fob, with pasteurized whites reported at 14 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 27-Sep-02 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	39-46 M 42-44	42-45 M 42-44	51-55	50-53
Blends ³	Too Few To Report			-
Whites	22-32 M 22-24	22-32 M 22-24	27-42	28-31
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	83-87 M 83-86	83-86 M 83-85	89-93	89-92
Salted	78-84 M 78-80	77-81	85-90	85-88

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 27-Sep-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.53 - 1.85	1.65 - 1.75
Yolks	1.90 - 2.25	1.95 - 2.00
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.56 - 2.00	1.63 - 1.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.25 - 1.35	1.30 - 1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 21-Sep-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,851	This week	267	This week	2,118
Last week	1,622	Last week	410	Last week	2,032
Last year	2,004	Last year	468	Last year	2,472
To Date 2002	66,519	To Date 2002	11,701	To Date 2002	78,220
To Date 2001	67,340	To Date 2001	16,552	To Date 2001	83,892

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Sep-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	456	0	91	547
Last year /1	231	0	0	231
To date 2002 /2	18,542	21	655	19,218
To date 2001	8,249	78	40	8,367

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Sep-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	164	17	160	341
Last year /1	131	70	12	213
To date 2002 /2	4,701	2,487	3,828	11,016
To date 2001	3,868	1,073	485	5,426

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Sep-02

	Jumbo	X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	33	1,230	2,825	1,230	19,230	0	24,548
Last year /1	0	3,123	2,318	0	14,880	900	21,221
To date 2002 /2	1,546	25,183	92,283	35,933	223,375	13,692	392,012
To date 2001	87	48,812	90,552	33,868	280,250	67,220	520,789

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Year-to-date 2002 revisions encompass all adjustments made to the data for the year.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 23-Sep-02

Total Layers on 01-Sep-02 totaled 336 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Sep-02 averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Sep-02 = 278.1 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Sep-02 averaged 73.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Sep-01.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.89 billion eggs during Aug-02, up 2% from Aug-01.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Aug-02 totaled 35.9 million, up 3% from Aug-01.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 32.6 million on 01-Sep-02, down 1% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 221,000 during Aug-02, down 12% from Aug-01.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Sep-02 = 261.4 million, up 1% from 01-Sep-01.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Sep-02 = 70.8, up 1% from 01-Sep-01.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Sep-02 were 4.2%, down 7% from those in molt on 01-Sep-01.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Sep-02 were 23.3, up 3% from 01-Sep-01.

Layers sold during Aug-02 totaled 13.0 million, down 16% from Aug-01.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Aug-02 were 4.0 million, down 33% from Aug-01.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Sep-02 = 88.7 million, down 2% from 01-Sep-01.

Pullets added during Aug-02 = 20.2 million, down 5% from Aug-01.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

**PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS; PURCHASES OF 30-POUND
CARTONS AND BULK TANKERS ARE NEARING END**

September 25, 2002

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 832,000 pounds of whole eggs--to be produced from about 21,000 cases of shell eggs--at a cost of approximately \$396,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 10	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	640,000	\$0.4822-\$0.5329	2 of 3
bulk tankers	192,000	\$0.3842	1 of 2

It was also announced that purchases of 30-pound cartons and bulk tankers are nearing completion.

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 7, 2002, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound cartons	238,000	\$ 127,000
5-pound cartons	9,325,000	\$5,090,000
bulk tankers	5,040,000	\$1,935,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-257 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance	Delivery Period
			Not Later Than Date	
11	5-pound cartons, 30-pound cartons, and bulk tankers	Oct. 15 **Tuesday**	Oct. 18	Nov. 16-30

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-257, Invitation 10, to be delivered from Nov. 1 to Nov. 15, follow:

5-pound Cartons

Crystal Lake Egg Products	240,120 @ \$0.4822-0.5122
Sonstegard Foods Company	400,200 @ \$0.4894-0.5329

Bulk Tankers

Sonstegard Foods Company	192,000 @ \$0.3842
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Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

WHOLE EGGS, INVITATION NO. 11, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-257

September 26, 2002

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell whole eggs as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Tuesday, Oct. 15 (**due to the holiday on Monday for Federal employees**). Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Oct. 18. Deliveries are to be made from Nov. 16 to Nov. 30.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. **Note that some item numbers and the associated quantities for the 5-pound cartons have been set-aside for small business concerns.** Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-257, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2000, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.